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COMMISSIONERSKRISTIN K. MAYES, Chairman  
GARY PIERCE  
PAUL NEWMAN  
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BOB STUMPIN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE TO UPGRADE AN  
EXISTING CROSSING OF THE BURLINGTON  
NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY AT  
THE INTERSECTION OF DYSART ROAD AND  
THUNDERBIRD ROAD IN THE CITY OF EL  
MIRAGE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA,  
AT AAR/DOT NO. 025-704-F.

DOCKET NO. RR-02635B-09-0389

PROCEDURAL ORDER**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On August 11, 2009, the City of El Mirage ("City") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval for the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company ("Railroad") to upgrade an existing crossing at the Railroad's tracks at the intersection of Dysart Road and Thunderbird Road, in El Mirage, Arizona, at AAR/DOT No. 025-704-F.

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-101, the Commission now issues this Procedural Order to govern the preparation and conduct of this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the request of the City of El Mirage shall be considered an application for the Railroad to upgrade an existing crossing pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-337, et seq.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Railroad shall be considered as the Respondent in this proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **hearing** on the application shall be held on **October 29, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Hearing Room 1, Phoenix, Arizona.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within five business days of receipt of this Procedural Order, **THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE SHALL PROVIDE THE RAILROAD AND ANY OTHER**

1 **MUNICIPALITY OR INTERESTED PARTY** that may be affected by the application with a copy  
2 of the application and this Procedural Order by certified mail.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Safety Division, Railroad Safety Section ("Staff") shall  
4 prepare a written **Staff Report and associated exhibits** to be presented at hearing and file copies of  
5 them with Docket Control on or before 4:00 p.m. on **October 6, 2009**.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any **objections to the Staff Report and associated**  
7 **exhibits** shall be reduced to writing and filed with Docket Control on or before 4:00 p.m. on  
8 **October 16, 2009**.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **intervention** shall be in accordance with A.A.C.  
10 R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before **October 9, 2009**.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **City of El Mirage** shall provide public notice of the  
12 hearing in this matter, in the following form and style:

13 **PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION**  
14 **OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE TO UPGRADE AN EXISTING CROSSING OF THE**  
15 **BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY AT THE**  
16 **INTERSECTION OF DYSART ROAD AND THUNDERBIRD ROAD IN THE CITY**  
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Thunderbird Road, in El Mirage, Arizona, at AAR/DOT No. 025-074-F.

20 The application is available for inspection during regular business hours at the offices  
21 of the Commission in Phoenix, at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona,  
22 and on the internet via the Commission website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-docket  
function.

23 The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter commencing on **October 29,**  
24 **2009, at 9:30 a.m.,** at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street,  
Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing.

25 The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate  
26 circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Intervention shall be permitted to  
27 any person entitled by law to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in  
the matter. Persons desiring to intervene must file a written motion to intervene with  
the Commission, which motion should be sent to Applicant or its counsel and to all  
parties of record, and which, at the minimum, shall contain the following:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the proposed intervenor and of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made if different than the intervenor.
2. A short statement of the proposed intervenor's interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of Railroad, a neighboring property owner, a crossing user, etc.).
3. A statement certifying that a copy of the motion to intervene has been mailed to the Applicant or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before **October 9, 2009**. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any customer from appearing at the hearing and making a statement on such customer's own behalf.

If you have any questions about this application, you may contact the applicant at **[insert telephone number]**. If you wish to file written comments on the application or want further information on intervention, you may write the Consumer Services Section of the Commission at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, call 602-542-4251 or 1-800-222-7000, or appear at the hearing and make comment.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting Shaylin Bernal, ADA Coordinator, voice phone number 602-542-3931, e-mail SABernal@azcc.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **City of El Mirage** cause the above notice to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the city where the crossing is located, with **publication to be completed no later than September 18, 2009.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be deemed complete upon the mailing/publication of same, notwithstanding the failure of an individual or entity to read or receive the notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **CITY OF EL MIRAGE SHALL FILE CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE WITH THE COMMISSION'S DOCKET CONTROL AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE** after the publication of notice ordered herein has been completed.


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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the presiding Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter,  
2 amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by  
3 ruling at hearing.

4 DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

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8 MARC E. STERN  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

9 Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered  
10 this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009 to:

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